

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 14-17 have been cancelled. New claims 18-24 have been added. Claim 18 is independent.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation that the Official Action indicated that claims 7, 9, 10 and 11 were directed to allowable subject matter. Applicant understands that claims 12-13, dependent from claim 11, would also be allowable if drafted in independent form, including the recitations of the independent claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1-5 stand rejected under §112, first paragraph, as not being enabled.

Responsively, claim 1 has been amended so as to remedy the stated basis of rejection. Withdrawal of the enablement rejection is requested.

Claims 2-3 stand rejected under §112, second paragraph, as indefinite.

The claims have been amended so as to remedy the stated basis of rejection. Withdrawal of the indefiniteness rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 3-6 stand rejected as obvious over GB 2143772.

Although the reference discloses gas being blown into the tube of the film, the reference does not teach or suggest the

gas being fed into the plastic film. Rather, the gas penetrates through the film and goes outside. See page 4, lines 13-14 of the reference.

In contrast, in the recited invention, pressurized gas is fed into the plastic film such that the plastic film comprises bubbles containing the fed gas. The applied reference does not teach that the resultant plastic film comprises bubbles containing the fed gas. Rather, the reference teaches a film that is air-permeable and therefore the film does not comprise bubbles containing gas.

With reference to independent claim 18, see that the reference does not teach or suggest the features of this claim. Nor does the reference teach the features of the dependent claims.

As to independent apparatus claim 6, the reference does not teach bubbles containing gas formed in the plastic film. The claim has been amended to make explicit that the apparatus provides that bubbles containing the fed gas are formed in the plastic film.

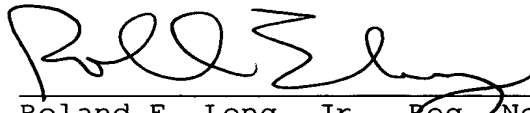
For the above-noted reasons, all of the independent claims are believed to be patentable. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully requested.

In view of the above, applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item:

- a new Abstract of the Disclosure